

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.7.1.1
Eastern Division**

Jeff Bartels

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.:
1:24-cv-01071
Honorable LaShonda A.
Hunt

The Partnerships and Unincorporated Associations
Identified on Schedule A

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Tuesday, February 13, 2024:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable LaShonda A. Hunt: Plaintiff's ex parte motion for entry of a temporary restraining order, a temporary asset restraint, expedited discovery and service of process by email and electronic publication [16] is granted. Plaintiff's written submissions establish that if defendants were informed of this proceeding before a TRO could issue, assets would likely be redirected, defeating plaintiff's interests in identifying defendants, stopping the infringement, and obtaining an accounting. The Court finds that (1) the submitted evidence establishes a likelihood of success on the merits (including evidence of active infringement and sales into Illinois); (2) the harm to plaintiff is irreparable and cannot be fully compensated by money damages; (3) an injunction is in the public interest because of the consumer confusion caused by counterfeit goods and infringement interferes with Plaintiff's ability to control its intellectual property; and (4) there is no countervailing harm to defendants from an order directing them to stop infringement. Electronic service of process does not violate any treaty and is consistent with due process because it is an effective way to communicate with these online marketplace defendants. Expedited discovery is warranted to identify defendants and implement the asset freeze. If any defendant were to appear and object, the Court will revisit the asset freeze, joinder, and personal jurisdiction. An \$8,000.00 bond is sufficient to secure the injunctive relief. Enter Sealed Temporary Restraining Order. No appearance is necessary on 2/15/24. Emailed notice. (cdh,)

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